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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/461,846
Filing Date	December 15, 1999
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Group Art Unit	1714
Examiner Name	Peter A. Szekely
Attorney Docket Number	02706-0520 (42276-210208)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - iii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other One reference for IDS

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the following fees:
  - i.  RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
  - ii.  Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.

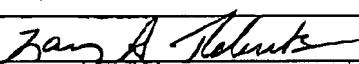
b.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are deemed necessary, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0855 to cover the fee for filing the Petition to Withdraw Application From Issue Under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) and 1.17(h) (\$130 filing fee), and the Request For Continued Examination (RCE) (\$740.00 filing fee). Accordingly, the total fee deducted from Deposit Account 11-0855 is \$870.00.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

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